Increase in border infiltration into NES

2827. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cross border infiltration into North Eastern States is increasing for last six years;

(b) if so, the details year-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to control the infiltration;

(d) whether there is any request from any of the North East State Government's to take up the matter with the neighbouring country at the highest level; and

(e) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of illegal immigration/cross border infiltration from Bangladesh into India. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely no specific details about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration into India are available.

(c) The check illegal infiltration from Bangladesh, Government has taken up various measures to curb illegal infiltration into the country, which inter alia include strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveillance equipment, etc. State Governments and Union Territories have also been directed to enforce the provision of Foreigners Act strictly.

(d) and (e) The Government has regularly taken up this issue with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora.

Ban on child labour

2828. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: